GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2115
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2001
TEESTA BARRAGE PROJECT
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the time since when the construction of Teesta Barrage Project started;

(b) the percentage of work completed and total area being irrigated by this project, till-date;

(c) the funds released by the Union Government, year-wise;

(d) whether monitoring cell established to look after the progress of work of the project has monitored the project's work;

(e) if so, the extent to which this cell has helped in early completion of the project; and

(f) the time, by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The Teesta Barrage Project was taken up in May, 1976.

(b) Physical progress of project components are given in the enclosed statement. Cumulative potential created till 3/2001 as reported is about 104. th. ha.

(c) Planning Commission had released additional central assistance of Rs.150 crore during VIII plan as detailed below:-

Year	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
(Rs.in crore)	20.00	27.00	32.00	32.00	39.00

Year-wise Central Loan Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme provided by Central Government to the State of West Bengal for this Project is as under:-

Year	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Central Loan Assistance (Rs.in crore)	5.00	15.00	10.00	19.00	20.00

(d) to (f) Irrigation being a State-subject, the Teesta Barrage Project is being planned, executed, funded and maintained by the State Government out of its own resources and as per its own priorities. The Teesta Barrage Project and the implementation of the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme components are monitored by the Central Water Commission to identify bottlenecks and recommend releases of central assistance. The completion of the project is linked to many factors like progress of work, acquisition of land and provision of required funds by the State Government.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(b) OF LOKSABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2115 TO BE ANSWERE ON 6.8.2001

Physical progress of project components

Components	% Completion
Teesta Barrage	100%
Mahananda Barrage	100%
Dauk Nagar Barrage	100%
Teesta Mahananda Link Canal	100%
Mahananda Main Canal	100%
Dauk Nagar Main Canal (E/W)	83%
Nagar Tangon Main Canal (E/W)	To be taken up
Teesta Jaldhaka Main Canal	75%

(E/W)